

KEYSPAN ENERGY DELIVERY NEW ENGLAND  
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- Q. Please identify and comment on all major factors which could develop during the forecast period that could materially affect natural gas availability, reliability, or costs to the end-users.
- A. It is virtually impossible for the Company to identify the range of factors that could occur during the forecast period and have a material effect of the availability, reliability or cost of natural gas. However, in the Company's experience, the following factors have the potential to affect the market for natural gas:
- Prolonged and/or extreme periods of cold or hot *weather*;
  - A contingency involving a major component of the supply chain *upstream* of the Company's distribution system, including production facilities, gathering and processing facilities, interstate pipeline facilities and underground storage facilities;
  - A contingency involving a major component of the supply chain *downstream* of the Company's citygate, including LNG shipping, trucking, storage and wholesale distribution facilities or Company-owned supplemental facilities;
  - The price and availability of *substitute or complementary* fuels, including crude oil, heating oil and electricity; and
  - The development of new markets or uses for natural gas.